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To amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 The purpose of this Act is to provide commercial film
5 crews of 5 persons or fewer access to film in areas des-
6 ignated for public use during public hours on Federal
7 lands and waterways.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL PERMIT AND FEE FOR FILM CREWS OF 5**
 2 **PERSONS OR FEWER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section (1)(a) of Public Law 106–
 4 206 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended by—

5 (1) redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)
 6 as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

7 (2) striking “The Secretary of the Interior” and
 8 inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
 9 paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior”;

10 (3) inserting “(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—”
 11 before “The Secretary may include other factors”;
 12 and

13 (4) adding at the end the following new para-
 14 graph:

15 “(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR FILM CREWS OF 5
 16 PERSONS OR FEWER.—

17 “(A) For any film crew of 5 persons or
 18 fewer, the Secretary shall require a permit and
 19 assess an annual fee of \$200 for commercial
 20 filming activities or similar projects on Federal
 21 lands and waterways administered by the Sec-
 22 retary. The permit shall be valid for commercial
 23 filming activities or similar projects that occur
 24 in areas designated for public use during public
 25 hours on all Federal lands and waterways ad-
 26 ministered by the Secretary for a 12-month pe-

riod beginning on the date of issuance of the permit.

“(B) For persons holding a permit described in this paragraph, the Secretary shall not assess, during the effective period of the permit, any additional fee for commercial filming activities and similar projects that occur in areas designated for public use during public hours on Federal lands and waterways administered by the Secretary.

“(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘film crew’ includes all persons present on Federal land under the Secretary’s jurisdiction who are associated with the production of a certain film.

“(D) The Secretary shall not prohibit, as a mechanized apparatus or under any other purposes, use of cameras or related equipment used for the purpose of commercial filming activities or similar projects in accordance with this paragraph on Federal lands and waterways administered by the Secretary.”.

(b) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—Section (1)(b) of Public Law 106–206 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended by—

(1) striking “collect any costs” and inserting “recover any costs”; and

- 1 (2) striking “similar project” and inserting
- 2 “similar projects”.

